

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for producing a polarizing film, comprising:

playing out a plurality of films from a plurality of rolled raw films;

~~a dyeing step~~ dyeing the films and ~~[[a]]~~

stretching ~~[[step]]~~ the films,

wherein the films are vertically aligned and simultaneously dipped into at least one type of processing liquid without contacting each other

~~a plurality of films, each of which is played out from a corresponding raw film respectively, being dipped simultaneously into at least one processing liquid without contacting each other.~~

2. (Original): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1,

wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.

3. (Currently Amended): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim

1,

wherein ~~[[a]] the films are made of polyvinylalcohol film is dyed with~~ and the processing liquid contains a dichroic substance in the dyeing step, and then the dyed ~~film is~~ films are uniaxially stretched in the stretching step.

4. (Original): A polarizing film obtained by the method according to claim 1.

5. (Original): An optical film comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4 and an optical layer provided on at least one side of the polarizing film.

6. (Original): A liquid crystal panel comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.

7. (Original): An image display comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.

8. (Original): The liquid crystal panel according to claim 6,
wherein the liquid crystal panel is produced by an in-house production method.

9. (Original): The image display according to claim 7,
wherein the image display is produced by an in-house production method.

10. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for producing a polarizing film, comprising:
a plurality of rolled raw films;

[[a]] one processing bath having containing one type of processing liquid;

a film delivery holder provided in the one processing bath and configured to deliver a plurality of films which are played out from the rolled raw films in a state where the films are vertically aligned so as to for-simultaneously dip the dipping a plurality of films each of which is played-out from a corresponding raw film respectively, into at least one the processing liquid without contacting each other.

11. (Original): The apparatus for producing a polarizing film according to claim 10,
wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.

12. (Currently Amended): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim
1,
wherein a total stretch ratio is from 3.0 to 7.0 in the stretching.